

Governor McGreevey Signs on to Support Homeland Security

Governor McGreevey, along with other Governors, signed a bipartisan letter of support for the creation of a cabinet-level Department of Homeland Security:

"We are hopeful that creation of this new federal department will allow states easier access to information and resources to help strengthen our state-side homeland security functions and better streamline our cooperative efforts."

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Straight From the Statehouse

GOVERNOR MCGREEVEY OPPOSES EPA PLAN TO ROLL BACK ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTIONS IN NEW JERSEY

Governor McGreevey met with U.S. Senators Robert Torricelli and Jon Corzine and Representative Frank Pallone to discuss U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposals that would weaken environmental protection in New Jersey.

"We will work in partnership with our federal representatives to protect New Jersey's air, water and land," said McGreevey.

"We will be aggressive in our opposition to EPA proposals that would weaken environmental and public health provisions that protect New Jersey against toxic waste sites, pollution from

out-of-state power plants and ocean dumping."

McGreevey said the federal Administration is reducing funding for toxic site cleanups in



Governor McGreevey in Seaside Heights at a taping of Total Request Live (TRL) with MTV. The episode will air July 24th.

New Jersey and favors covering future cleanup costs with general taxpayer funds rather than reinstating the Superfund tax on polluting industries.

GOVERNOR MCGREEVEY BLASTS FEDERATED CEO'S "UNFORTUNATE" STATEMENT" ON BUSINESS TAX

In a press conference Wednesday, Governor McGreevey blasted Federated Department Stores Chairman and CEO John Zimmerman for his "unfortunate" statement on his company's tax obligations.

"Federated would violate basic accepted accounting

practices and reach beyond the curtain of bankruptcy into the losses of those former companies to reduce contemporary tax obligation," said McGreevey.

The Governor went on to say that, "This Administration looks to work cooperatively, constructively

and ethically with the business community . . . Adhere to the law, conduct ethical obligations, and this state will be your strongest advocate."

State Treasurer John E. McCormac issued a formal response to the Federated letter on July 9th.

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*-Governor McGreevey,
July 10, 2002*

*Response to the letter on the
Corporate Business Tax sent by
Federated Department Stores.*

MCGREEVEY TAKES AIM AT UNINSURED MOTORISTS

Governor McGreevey, joined by Department of Banking and Insurance Commissioner Holly Bakke proposed a plan to impound the vehicles of individuals who drive without insurance.

“The State of New Jersey has a law requiring drivers to have insurance. With this legislation, that law will become meaningful. If

you drive a car in New Jersey and are stopped and cannot provide an auto insurance card in 24 hours, your car will be impounded.”

Governor McGreevey also noted that auto insurance premiums are a major funding source for the State’s trauma centers and that uninsured drivers should not be supported by those who

are insured.

“Cracking down on the 600,000 uninsured drivers in this State will address the high auto insurance costs which are presently being borne by insured drivers,” said McGreevey. “This proposal will introduce fairness to a system that has allowed uninsured drivers to get off the hook.”

GOVERNOR MCGREEVEY UNVEILS E-Z PASS REFORMS

Governor McGreevey unveiled a series of E-Z Pass reforms in order to correct the financial problems that have plagued the system since its implementation four years ago.

“It is time to make E-Z Pass work for our residents,” said McGreevey.

The reforms will make the electronic toll system more customer friendly, pay off its operating deficit and launch high-speed lanes on the Garden State Parkway.

Governor McGreevey also announced that ACS Inc., a leader in the

electronic toll collection industry, will run New Jersey’s E-Z Pass system. ACS currently operates New York’s system.

Last week, Transportation Commissioner Jamie Fox fired WorldCom, the state’s E-Z Pass contractor.

MCGREEVEY NOMINATES ALBIN TO SUPREME COURT

Governor McGreevey nominated of Barry T. Albin, to serve on the New Jersey Supreme Court.

Albin is a partner at the Woodbridge law firm, Wilentz, Goldman & Spitze, where he chairs the Criminal Law/ Civil Rights Department and

serves on the Strategic Planning and Compensation Committees.

In addition to twenty years of private practice experience, Albin also served as Deputy Attorney General under the Byrne Administration. Albin was also an Assistant Prosecutor in

Passaic and Middlesex counties from 1978 to 1982.

Upon review by the New Jersey Bar Association and approval by the State Senate, Albin would replace Justice Gary Stein, who retires September 1, 2002.